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Recycling Helps Improve City Recreation Facilities in the Southeastern Area

City's Environmental Services Department Donates \$3,854

SAN DIEGO, CA— Ten City of San Diego recreation sites located in Council District Four received a \$3,854 check from the City's Environmental Services Department (ESD) to help improve the facilities. The donation, presented May 24, 2004 at the Holy Spirit Church, represents one year of revenue generated from the sale of recyclable materials collected at the San Diego Park and Recreation locations.

The district is represented by Councilmember Charles Lewis and includes 20 communities with Oak Park at the north, Lomita Village and South Bay Terraces to the east, Paradise Hills at the south, and Mount Hope and Southcrest forming the western boundary.

Visitors deposited 99,719 pounds of recyclable plastic and glass beverage containers along with aluminum cans, newspapers, cardboard, office paper, catalogs, magazines and mixed paper during the 12-month period at the Encanto, Martin Luther King Jr., Mountain View, Paradise Hills, Skyline Hills, Southcrest, Stockton recreation centers, along with Chollas Lake Park, Willie Henderson Sports Complex and Penn Athletic Field. The facilities are among the 43 drop-off sites within the Park and Recreation system currently participating in ESD recycling programs.

Since 1992, the program has diverted approximately 14,000 tons of recyclables from disposal at the Miramar Landfill and earned \$667,000 in revenue from the sale of recyclables. The donations have helped purchase items at the Park and Recreation facilities such as jerseys and trophies for youth leagues, gymnastics mats, tennis court nets, table tennis equipment, benches for basketball courts, brochures, and funded special events such as spring egg hunts and Halloween carnivals.

For information about the City's recycling programs, please call the Environmental Services Department at (858) 694-7000 or visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/>. For general information about Park and Recreation centers, call the Park and Recreation Department's Public Information office at (619) 525-8219, or go to <http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/index.shtml>.

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